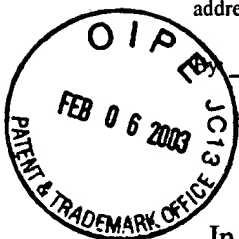


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121**  
**and**  
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement and Request for Election dated December 3, 2002, setting a one (1) month term for response. Prior to examination of the application, please amend the specification of the above-identified application as listed below. Please note that the period for response has been extended until February 3, 2003, by the accompanying Petition and fee.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims 21-36;

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